

## **REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2010**

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

Present: Councilors Hurley, Kotkin, Manousos, McAlister, Montinieri, Roberts and Deputy Mayor Console.

Also present: Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, RaeAnn Palmer, Assistant Town Manager, Mike Turner, Director of Physical Services and Dolores G. Sassano, Town Clerk.

Councilor Roberts led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Jeff Bridges, read a message for Chairperson Hemmann.

“Last week was a difficult week at the Mayor’s household. Acute medical events can do that. I had a severe headache which began on Saturday 9/11. I went to my doctor on Tuesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> after the headache worsened and my left eyelid drooped to almost closed and was affecting my vision. A brain tumor was discovered in my pituitary gland. It had bled and had dead tissue. I had surgery Wednesday afternoon 9/15. The results at this time are that it is benign and my complete vision returned. Things look good and I am home recovering for a few weeks. This has also been a very difficult week for my family but we are grateful to our friends and extended family for their support and assistance. I also appreciate the flowers and cards that I have received from town staff and fellow councilors. Thank you.

As a nurse, I also feel it my duty to leave you with this message. We have to take care of ourselves as no one else can do that for us. Listen to what your body says and seek medical care as you need, as it can save your life.

Just wanted you all to know why I was not there tonight at the meeting, but am at home watching with all of you.”

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Presentation from the Wethersfield Historical Society of Lease Payment.

Amy Northrop Wittorff, 70 Center Street, Director of the Wethersfield Historical Society, made a presentation along with President Robert Fisher, regarding the rental payment to the Town of Wethersfield for use of the Hurlburt Dunham House, the Kenney Memorial Cultural Center, the Standish House and the Old Academy. Amy Northrop Wittorff spoke about the various programs that Wethersfield Historical Society has put on throughout the town. The Society presented one rope of red onions to Deputy Mayor Console.

## **HEARINGS**

None.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ballou Tooker, 65 Harmund Place, complimented the work being done on Marsh Street. He also noted there are pot holes on Wilcox Street that need to be fixed by MDC.

Dan O'Connor, 374 Main Street, congratulated the Council of the work done with this year's fiscal budget. Dan O'Connor also requested help in completing the project for lights on Cottone Field and presented a petition with over 500 signatures. Dan O'Connor also summarized the history of Cotton Field in which, while serving on the Council, he introduced a resolution September 10, 2003 to artificially turf and light Cottone Field because of the disrepair of the field. The field now is a showcase for athletic fields and is the most widely used field in Town. There is still an issue to light the fields and Dan O'Connor had previously offered to fund the lights through private donations and secured those donations through verbal form. No money was collected at that time because all the approvals had not been received. Once the cost issue was countered, there was a group who was very vocal on their opposition to the lights. Last year final approval was received from Planning and Zoning for the lights. \$100,000 was received from the State and the foundation is being worked on now. As a citizen, Don O'Connor reported that \$70,000 was raised in private donations but is now asking the Council to fund the remaining balance of \$75,000 to \$100,000 as he has lost many of his donors due to businesses not being in business any longer and individuals who children have since graduated college.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Road, commented on Dan O'Connor's presentation and felt that taxpayers were not in a position to pay for the field lights. He referenced a labor report in which Wethersfield is one of the highest unemployment towns compared to our neighboring towns. Robert Young noted that in his opinion, the Town should not pay for the field lights. With regards to the Wilkus Farm issue, Robert Young felt that nothing should be done to expand the property that is not protected under the State of Connecticut and that the land should be protected and not developed. Robert Young also commented on reducing taxes on town and bringing the mill rate down.

Eric Melendey, 10 Fernwood Street, voiced his support for the lights at Cottone Field. He noted that last year lights were rented for a football game and there was a tremendous turnout.

Anthony DiCiccio, 30 Summerfield Drive, remarked on the issue of the lights and noted that the issue should be looked at through a macro prospective. He commented that a lot of business can be brought into Town by opening up the Town to events that lights will allow. He sees a lot of events that are happening in neighboring towns that should be happening in Wethersfield, such as summer leagues. He noted that he is not looking to pay more taxes to justify the expense but the expense can be justified on its own if the revenue is looked as to what can be generated. The

Wethersfield High School Soccer Team is unable to attend high school tournament games in Wethersfield because of light concerns. He noted that it is important to find a way to get the lights installed.

Andy Adil, 944 Ridge Road, congratulated the Council of the budget terms reached this year. He also showed his support for the lights at Cottone Field. The \$100,000 received from the State was thought to be the correct number for the project at the time, but unfortunately it was not. He also noted that he realizes that the town is going through tough economic times but this is an opportunity to finish a project and make it a place for the kids to play at and hoped that the Council will consider the proposal.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Manousos reported that there was an EDIC meeting last week and they are moving forward with its tenants' improvement program, among other projects. He also noted that he attended the Soccer Jamboree and the Cornfest which were both great events.

Councilor McAlister reported for the Public Works Committee. There was a meeting in which 120 households were invited to discuss the four parcels of land that the Town owns and is looking to sell. About 23 individuals showed up to voice their concerns over selling the parcels. A list of pros and cons is being compiled to either sell or keep the parcels of land.

Councilor Hurley reported that the Cornfest went very well with more booths this year and was well attended.

Councilor Kotkin reported for the Insurance Committee. To date, several million dollars has been spent for health insurance for the first few months of the year because of claims and there is a healthcare reserve fund to help take care of the claims. There is an agent looking at what other coverage is available which may help benefit the Town.

Councilor Hurley spoke for the lights at Cottone Field and felt it was a good idea. The fees that would be generated could help offset the cost of maintenance for the turf. He suggested that a group could be put together to talk about the financial issues.

Jeff Bridges agreed that a group could be put together and suggested contacting the other towns to find out what their operating costs are for their lighted fields.

Councilor Hurley volunteered to be the lead for the group.

Jeff Bridges suggested contacting Dan O'Connor.

Councilor McAlister noted that he was in favor of the lights and asked if there were any residents that had any ideas of how not to use town funds, please contact someone from the Council.

Councilor Manousos noted that he was also in favor of the lights and suggested listening to the residents and to think before any action is taken. Together with the Town Manager and the Mayor, continue to look at the pros and cons of the situation without negatively affecting the taxpayers.

Deputy Mayor Console reported that he and the Town Manager, Jeff Bridges attended the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority meeting and the Town Manager will speak about that in his report. Deputy Mayor Console also read a report from the Mayor, Donna Hemmann:

Our Mayor met with Susan Kopecki, Highcrest Principal Maresa Harvey and Superintendent McDowell on Friday September 3. Susan is a teacher at Highcrest School and visited our sister city of Nagayo Japan this summer. While there on an education session, she was treated with a high standard of hospitality and able to deliver some messages from Wethersfield to the mayor of Nagayo. I have a letter from the Mayor that we will have framed, and will work to set up a display about our relationship. We will hear more about her trip when she attends our October meetings to share a 10-15 minute slide presentation about her trip. Councilor Roberts also visited Nagayo several years ago in her travels.

Deputy Mayor Console also commented on the houses piling up on the market and noted that in the Greater Hartford area there were 3,140 houses on the market in 2002 and in 2010 there are 6,525 houses on the market. He also noted an article in the Hartford Courant written by Lowell Weicker about changing one's mindset for the benefit of the town, state and country. Deputy Mayor Console reminded everyone of the Farmers' Market on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Kenney Center, the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarecrow Contest along Main Street and the 10<sup>th</sup> Consecutive MDC Volunteers Clean Up at the Wethersfield Cove on October 2 at 8:00 am. Contact Melissa at [mmuszyski@mdc.com](mailto:mmuszyski@mdc.com).

#### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Bridges reported on the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority [CCSWA] meeting he and Deputy Mayor Console attended. At the meeting solutions were looked at for long term solid waste disposal and they also passed their bylaws and will be nominating their officers in October. Jeff Bridges and Deputy Mayor Console also attended the CCSWA meeting regarding long term contract proposals for solid waste disposal and solutions and timeframes for settling energy contracts. Jeff Bridges also noted that CCSWA wants to develop an RFQ to develop a proposal for long term contracts.

Jeff Bridges also noted that the Fire Chief Flynn announced that they have a Japanese delegation

visiting Wethersfield on October 15, 2010. Wethersfield Fire Department will do a vehicle extrication demonstration followed by lunch, presentation and networking. The Japanese delegation will present retired Chief John McAuliffe a medal of honor for his service to their organization. This medal has been presented to only two other individuals outside of Japan.

He also noted there was a press release in the Hartford Courant from the Wethersfield Police that on Saturday, September 25, the Wethersfield Police Department in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency host a prescription drug take back program where people can bring in their prescription and non-prescription medication for destruction.

Jeff Bridges also reported that per a request at last month's meeting, he noted that the number of houses for sale in September, 2010 was 133, September, 2009 was 120, September, 2008 was 138 and September, 2007 was 148.

He also reported on the moving of a generator from Hartford through Wethersfield on to another community will take place September 20, 2010 evening after 10:00 p.m. through the Silas Deane Highway. Jeff Bridges also reported that he has the recycling information requested from Attorney McAlister.

Councilor Manousos asked Jeff Bridges if he had numbers as to the demographics of who is moving.

Jeff Bridges responded that this information is not collected from the realtors. Jeff Bridges also noted that with regards to the AT&T boxes, the staff has rewritten the Section 8-24 referral letter to the Planning Commission. He has spoken with an AT&T representative regarding the boxes in the Town and according to the docket that was approved by the Public Service Commission in 2008, a conscience decision was made not to require AT&T to revisit the existing boxes and all but two of the boxes were installed prior to that date. A list of the boxes will be provided to see whether there are any safety issues or concerns.

#### **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR ACTION**

Councilor Hurley, moved **"TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT TO OBTAIN LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS TO RECONSTRUCT AND PAVING OF OLNEY ROAD BETWEEN WELLS ROAD AND PROSPECT STREET,"** seconded by Councilor Manousos.

Jeff Bridges reported Staff is recommending, based upon information from the Town's Road Manager Software, to use Local Capital Improvement Program Funds to resurface Olney Road. A memo from Mike Turner, Town Engineer, is included in the packet. The first step is to

approve a resolution and file an application with the Office of Policy and management for use of the funds. The estimated cost of the Olney Road project is \$400,000. LOCIP funds available today are \$414,000. Since this is a Spring 2011 project, and the Town will receive another LOCIP allocation of approximately \$185,000 by then, there is sufficient funds for this project.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Hurley, moved **“TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT,”** seconded by Councilor Manousos.

Jeff Bridges reported the Town of Wethersfield participates regionally through the Capital Region Council of Governments for the administration of Homeland Security Grants for regional set-aside projects. In order to participate, the Council must pass the included resolution, and thereafter, approve the memorandum of understanding for the use of the funds. There are no funds from this program awarded directly to the Towns. All available funds are through the Region.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Kotkin moved **“TO TAKE ITEM NO. B2b, THE MORRISON AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS OFF THE TABLE,”** seconded by Councilor Hurley.

Jeff Bridges reported the Council has tabled the decision on the assessments awaiting additional engineering data on the project. The Town has the data which will be discussed at the meeting. However, there is at least two Council Members not attending so staff is suggesting that the issue of the assessments continue to be tabled until all the Council Members can attend.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Hurley, moved **“TO ADOPT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF TOWN STAFF AND VANASSE, HANGEN, BRUSTLIN, INC., TO RECONSTRUCT THE SIDEWALKS ON MORRISON AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN LABELED OPTION “4b” AND AUTHORIZE TOWN STAFF TO INITIATE FINAL DESIGN OF THE PROJECT,”** seconded by Councilor McAlister .

Jeff Bridges reported the Town has contracted with Vanasse, Hangen, Brustlin, Inc., civil engineers to review the issue of option 4b (22 feet with snow shelf) or option 12 (new concrete curbs and sidewalks on the current alignment) for the Morrison Avenue sidewalk project. Their report and recommendation is in the packet. They are recommending option 4b. Staff then asked

them to take the survey data and give us their opinion of road width and keeping the road wider than 22 feet. As you can see from their report dated September 3, 2010, the road can be wider than 22 feet but would have several conflicts with trees, utility poles, and fire hydrants. However, in reviewing those conflicts they are manageable and in cases were going to be avoided anyway (such as Mr. DeGrouchy's tree). Therefore, staff is recommending option 4b with a width wider than the 22 feet, adjusted for the conflicts.

This will be a spring time project. Numerous design issues and grading easements for each property will have to be resolved. Staff is requesting this action now to settle on the improvement scope and authorize the engineering begin on the project.

Mike Turner, Director of Physical Services, reported that twelve options were reviewed and the recommendation that seemed to get the most votes was option 4b which would narrow the current paved width from 27 feet to 24 feet, provide a grass snow shelf and a four foot sidewalk on the north and south side of the street. He also noted that there may be conflicts with existing trees but adjustments can be made with the design of the sidewalks.

Paul \_\_\_\_\_ of VHB, reviewed the obstacles of utility poles and fire hydrants and noted that these can be accommodated.

Councilor Montinieri asked if the change from 22 feet to 24 feet would have any impact in the cost of what was projected and what was approved in the budget this year.

Mike Turner responded that he didn't think there would be any change to the budget.

Councilor Manousos asked if Mike Turner was confident that the snow shelf was sufficient.

Mike Turner responded that there is three feet from the curb line to the front of the sidewalk.

Councilor Kotkin asked which side of the road would parking be allowed.

Mike Turner responded that it has not been determined yet. Lt. Andy Powers will look at traffic counts and will get back with a recommendation.

Councilor Kotkin referred to an area of the map where there will obviously be work done with the sidewalks. As the sidewalks get closer to the Silas Deane Highway, it appears that some of the sidewalks will not have to be replaced and asked if this was the case.

Mike Turner responded that there are existing sections of sidewalks that will not need to be replaced.

Councilor Kotkin inquired about another section of sidewalk and asked for the status of that.

Mike Turner responded that there is a section of sidewalk between Orchard going east to where the existing sidewalks terminate and there was discussion as to whether to include that in the scope work and added that it is in the budget. As the project progresses with the final decision, they will meet with the residents to discuss the impact on their property, and then a recommendation and determination will be made.

Councilor Kotkin asked about some of the large trees in that area and asked if any of the trees needed to be taken down.

Mike Turner responded that there are five trees in the budget to be taken down but added that they would like to work around that.

Councilor Kotkin asked if the trees were not taken down, would that have a deflationary or inflationary impact on the budget.

Mike Turner responded deflationary.

Councilor McAlister inquired about a survey that was previously done on streets that were 22 feet or less and asked if Mike Turner was aware if whether there was parking on just one side of those streets.

Mike Turner responded that this was not specifically looked at.

Councilor Montinieri asked if whether there was an early plan that would have had a bigger impact on the trees because the street was going to be wider.

Mike Turner responded that there several options that were looked at that would have widen the road.

Councilor Montinieri asked that with the present plan, no additional trees are impacted.

Mike Turner responded that this was correct.

Councilor Montinieri asked if the approval of the proposal tonight would re-endorse the 4b option and fund it at \$200,000 in the budget and make a modification to widen the road, this would not impact the budget.

Mike Turner responded that this was correct.

Councilor Montinieri asked for the cost of the engineer's report.

Mike Turner responded that the cost was \$1,700.

Deputy Mayor Console asked if the narrowest part of the road was going to be 24 feet.



Jeff Bridges responded that there is flexibility with this. It will be wider than 22 feet and in places it could be wider than 24 feet.

Deputy Mayor Console wanted to clarify that this plan is wider than the original plan from a few weeks back and will include a snow shelf.

Mike Turner responded that this was correct.

Deputy Mayor Console asked if the Town will continue to take care of the snow removal.

Mike Turner responded that the Town will continue with the same routine as in the past.

Deputy Mayor Console asked if each individual house between now and Spring will have an elevation study done as to the grading that will need to be done.

Mike Turner responded that he has recommended to the Town Manager that when a certain design point is reached, there will then be enough information to meet with the individual property owners and let them know how the driveways or front walk will need to be reconstructed.

Deputy Mayor Console asked if this expense is covered in the budget.

Mike Turner responded that it is being designed in-house.

Deputy Mayor Console asked for clarification as to the area where there is a section of no sidewalks, there is a possibility that sidewalks may not be installed.

Mike Turner responded that there will be different options to be explored but the goal is to save the trees.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Manousos moved **“TO ACCEPT THE POSITIVE § 8-24 REPORT FROM PLANNING AND ZONING AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE WITH CLEAR WIRELESS LLC TO COLLOCATE ON THE 250 SILAS DEANE HIGHWAY TOWER AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON**

**WIRELESS FOR THE 250 SILAS DEANE HIGHWAY TOWER,”** seconded by Councilor Hurley.

Jeff Bridges reported the on December 21, 2009 Town Council forwarded a request to collocate on the 250 Silas Deane Highway Tower from Clear Wireless, LLC (Clearwire) and Pocket Communications to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an § 8-24 Review in accordance with Connecticut State Statutes, see attached. The Planning and Zoning Commission returned a favorable report in January of 2010, however staff held the report until all review and negotiations were complete. In addition, Verizon Wireless, an existing tenant, requested permission to change their equipment on the tower and Pocket Communications withdrew their request to collocate on the tower.

In December, staff had advised that the structural analysis determined that the tower and its foundation are not structurally adequate to support the antenna loading and wind load required for additional equipment. A supplementary structural analysis, paid for by the requesting vendors and supervised by the Town's radio engineering firm, was required to determine what reinforcements were necessary to allow for additional equipment. The second structural analysis resulted in a design plan for reinforcement of the tower at a cost of \$79,706.25. The plan will allow for the addition of the Clearwire and Verizon equipment, an additional vendor and future changes to the Town's equipment. Clearwire and Verizon have agreed to each pay one half of the expenses for the tower reinforcement. The Town Attorney is completing the final contracts with Clearwire and the Verizon amendment. The Clearwire contract will result in rent of \$2500 per month with an annual escalation of 3%. The Verizon contract allows for the increase/change in equipment and will not result in additional revenue. All necessary frequency reviews have been completed and the vendors will comply with all building and planning and zoning permits as required.

Staff is requesting that Town Council accept the favorable report from the Planning and Zoning Commission and authorize the Town Manger to sign the lease agreement with Clear Wireless, LLC and the lease amendment with Verizon Wireless.

Councilor Montinieri noted that there were two companies interested and participated in the engineering to determine the reinforcement of the tower.

RaeAnn Palmer responded that this was correct.

Councilor Montinieri noted that it also referenced a town representative in the group and asked if anyone in the group have an engineering background.

RaeAnn Palmer responded that TRA is a radio engineer which did all the antenna and frequency and they had a structural analysis completed by a structural engineer which was then reviewed by Mike Turner before it was accepted.

Councilor Montinieri noted that TRA was also the group involved with the signal concerns with respect to the Town's services with the town police.

RaeAnn Palmer responded that this was correct.

Councilor Montinieri asked if this was satisfactory to TRA.

RaeAnn Palmer noted that all three firms paid for an intermodulation studio to see if the frequencies being proposed and placed on the tower would have an impact on our radio system. It was found that it would not.

Councilor Montinieri inquired what the \$80,000 is for.

Mike Turner responded that the \$80,000 is for a product called twitchily which reinforces 30 feet of the tower.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Hurley moved **"TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SPRINT SPECTRUM FOR THE 23 KELLEHERE COURT TOWER,"** seconded by Councilor Manousos.

Jeff Bridges reported that Sprint Spectrum and the Town signed a lease agreement on July 19, 2004 for Sprint to collocate on the Town's radio tower at 23 Kelleher Court. The agreement includes a provision for Sprint to assign a portion of the leased area. Sprint is requesting permission to assign space to their business partner, Clear Wireless LLC (Clearwire). The Town's radio engineering firm, Trott Communications, has supervised a structural analysis and completed a frequency interference (intermodulation) study and has determined that this will not be a problem for the Town's radio operations. The Town Attorney and staff have negotiated the terms and this amendment will result in an increase of \$1500 per month of revenue with an annual escalation clause. Prior to installation, the vendor will comply with all building and planning and zoning permits as required

Staff is requesting that Town Council authorize the Town Manger to sign the lease amendment with Sprint Spectrum.

Councilor Kotkin asked how many different vendors are presently on the tower.

RaeAnn Palmer responded that there is T-Mobile, Sprint, Verizon and AT&T.

Councilor Kotkin asked if the Town expected any additional vendors.

RaeAnn Palmer responded that she does not expect any additional vendors.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

### BIDS

Councilor Hurley, moved to **“AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR DETECTABLE SIDEWALK PANELS TO CONNECTICUT CARPENTRY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000,”** seconded by Councilor McAlister.

Jeff Bridges reported the Capital Improvement budget has \$25,000 in current and \$1,000 in previous year funds for the purchase and installation of detectable sidewalk panels/inserts for pedestrian access at various crosswalks on the Silas Deane Highway and other intersections in Town. The attached memorandum from the Public Works Director provides more information. Staff solicited bids to supply and install the inserts, and received five responses, with a tie bid. Staff is recommending award to the lowest bidder that is in closest proximity to the Town, Connecticut Carpentry of Rocky Hill. The bid amount is \$19,800, based on a fixed number of intersections. As a result of the favorable pricing, staff is requesting that the award be made up to the available funds, \$26,000, allowing for an increase in the number of intersections that can be completed.

Councilor Montinieri asked if there were any additional areas in town aside from the Silas Deane Highway that these panels can be installed.

Mike Turner responded that this completes all the ramps on the Silas Deane Highway and now work will be done extending up from the Silas Deane Highway.

Councilor Montinieri asked if the additional areas have been mapped out yet and how will it be determined what gets done.

Mike Turner responded that it has not been mapped out yet but public buildings and wheelchair ramps will be looked at first.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

### MINUTES

Councilor Roberts moved **“TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 AS AMENDED”** seconded by Councilor McAlister.

All Councilors present, including the Deputy Mayor Console voted AYE. Councilors Roberts and McAlister abstained. The motion passed 5-0-2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Clynch, 903 Ridge Road, commented that he hoped the Mayor was feeling better. Mr. Clynch also commented on an article in the Wethersfield Life profiling Councilor Drake. The article referred to excessive town owned property that the Town is looking to sell and referred to the Olsen House, located at 105 Marsh Street was sold because of maintenance expense. Mr. Clynch stated that he owns that property and explained the history behind that building and the work that went into fixing the building to where it is today. He noted that he is upset that the Town is conserving getting rid of cherished properties owned by the Town for centuries and added that if it hadn't been for him buying 105 Marsh Street, the house would have been demolished.

Councilor Manousos commented that he appreciates the work Mr. Clynch did with the property and asked if he felt the house would have been demolished had he not bought the property.

Mr. Clynch responded that there is no doubt that the house would have been demolished. He added that Wethersfield is known for its historic buildings and to start selling off this property would be a message to everyone that the town is having financial problems.

Councilor Manousos asked if the work that Mr. Clynch has done on the house is up to code.

Mr. Clynch responded that it has and he has a good repore with the Historical Society.

Councilor Manousos stated that the idea behind selling the property is not to get rid of the property, but that it may be better off with private owners. He also noted that the properties mentioned by Councilor McAlister are empty lots and not buildings.

Ballou Tooker, 65 Harmund Place, commented that it is the wrong time for the Town to be purchasing property.

Gus Colantonio, 16 Morrison Avenue, commented on the Morrison Avenue project.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Road, commented that the Morrison Avenue project is moving along and felt it was money well spent. He also commented on the lights at Cottone Field and the Town being asked to pay for the balance needed for the lights.

At 8:50 p.m., Councilor Hurley moved **"TO ADJOURN THE MEETING"** seconded by Councilor Kotkin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano  
Town Clerk  
Approved by Vote of Council  
October 4, 2010